

It is amazing to me to think about how things have changed since Alan first arrived in Washington in 1951. He has covered the administrations of 10 presidents. He has covered our Nation's war and military deployments ever since the Korean Conflict.

Alan's length of service is an important achievement. However, it is the manner with which he has served these 51 years that is indeed most impressive.

I came to this town in 1992 and became the fourth Member of the House from New York's North Country area to be covered by Alan. For me, it was a real thrill, not the new office or duties of the town, even though that was all very exciting, but the opportunity to meet and work with this man.

Like so many others, I grew up learning about the inside operations of our Federal Government through Alan's writings. Later, as a member of the New York State Senate, I looked to Alan's insightful articles in the respected Empire State Report to help me better under the connection of politics and government between New York State and the Nation's Capital.

For someone like me, long a political junkie from northern New York, meeting Alan Emory was the literary equivalent of meeting Cal Ripken, a legend in their own time, legends who survive through a rare combination of talent, hard work, grace, and style.

But for all of his talent, all of his skills and charm, the thing I think I admire most about Alan has been his sense of place, that all-too-rare quality in a reporter who recognizes the difference between a news story and an op-ed piece, a man who has always understood that a news article must be about facts and that opinions are to be confined to other sections of the paper.

Not to say that Alan is without opinion, nor that he is unable to express them. To the contrary, his weekly column on politics in the Sunday paper always informs, instructs and impresses with deft insight. But Alan has always known how to expertly write each story and where to place it. It is a skill sadly few others possess today.

Happily, Alan will continue writing, will continue enlightening and informing but, hopefully, in a new way that will provide him and his wonderful bride and partner Nancy more time to enjoy their lives together, their family, their two sons Marc and John, and their daughter Katherine and their families. It is an opportunity they both richly, richly deserve.

And so, Mr. Speaker, it is with honor that I rise today to state for the RECORD the partial achievements of a very remarkable man, to thank Alan Emory for his 51 years of contributions, and, on a personal note, to say that, in my nearly 30 years in public life, I have never met a reporter or a man in whom I hold higher respect and admiration.

Thanks, Alan. You are the best.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MCHUGH. I yield to the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to associate myself with the remarks of my friend the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

Alan Emory currently resides in the 11th Congressional District, in Lake Barcroft, where he is a pillar of the community there. His respect reaches across regional lines in New York. He is a well-respected member of our community in Northern Virginia, where he and his wife and family has been active for a number of years.

His political commentaries I think have been viewed nationally. He is very well-respected, and I am going to miss him. I would join my colleagues in wishing him and Nancy the very best in years to come.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his comments.

Truly, I think Alan is admired by so many that there are a number of Members who care to share in this experience.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD remarks by our colleague and friend the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON), who has some very, I think, insightful and kind words to say about this deserving man as well.

Unfortunately, Chairman SOLOMON is involved in a meeting upstairs. But he has sent his best and I know wants to have the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD show his admiration for a very special man.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues, including my neighbor, Congressman JOHN MCHUGH, to pay tribute to a true gentleman and veteran of the Washington Press Corps, Alan Emory. Alan is truly a dean of the Washington Press if ever there was one and is representative of the good old days of journalism when telling it like it is was the best measure of a journalist, not how much face time they can get as a talking head.

Mr. Speaker, you'd be hard pressed to find anyone in this town with more wisdom and experience in the ways and the means of Washington than Alan. And the best part is, he's covered it for 47 of his 51 years while working exclusively for the same paper called the Watertown Times from a small upstate city of Watertown, New York. That sort of time and devotion is a rarity in itself nowadays and the people who read that paper have been done a great service all of these years by Alan's clear, concise and fair reporting. It must be comforting to know that for all those generations, he provided the readership with a window into the Capitol that they otherwise would have gone without.

And I'm talking about an inside look that started before the outset of the Eisenhower Administration and has spanned across interviews with such American leaders as Nixon, Ford, Bush and Nancy Reagan, not to mention a host of other foreign dignitaries in travels with political leaders that have brought him to every corner of the world.

Some, Mr. Speaker, might think it odd in this day and age for members of Congress like myself to recognize a political journalist like Alan. However, I can tell you it is because of his objectivity and fairness that I respect

him such a great deal. He has covered me over the course of my career on a variety of issues even though his paper doesn't reach a large part of my district. And he has always conducted himself in the most professional manner, including in his profile of me after I assumed the Chairmanship of the House Rules Committee. I've never had a problem with someone who sheds light on some of my shortcomings as long as they were just as vigorous in their coverage of ways in which I served my constituents well.

But perhaps most telling about Alan's career is his standing within the journalistic community and the Washington Press Corps. By their very nature, they're a tough lot to please. Still, Alan has managed to reach the leadership ranks of a whole host of press associations, including as President of the renowned Gridiron Club, and remains active to this day. I have always said one of the best measures of a person is his standing amongst his peers. By that measure, Mr. Speaker, Alan Emory goes unmatched.

I would ask that all members of Congress join in honoring the outstanding career and public service of one of this town's most respected newsmen, Alan Emory of the Watertown Times. After 51 years, 47 of them in Washington, he is still strong and exemplifies all that is good about his profession. And more than that, he is a clear demonstration to all of us that hard work can take you anywhere, even from a small daily in Upstate New York, to a one-man office in Washington, to the top of the ranks of his profession. Congratulations Alan, and many more years of success and happiness to you and your family.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO FILE PRIVILEGED REPORT ON A BILL MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, FAMILY HOUSING, BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations may have until midnight tonight, Tuesday, June 16, 1998, to file a privileged report on a bill making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 1999.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All points of order are reserved on the bill.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO FILE PRIVILEGED REPORT ON A BILL MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations may have until midnight tonight, Tuesday, June 16, 1998, to file a privileged report on a bill making appropriations for energy and

water development for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All points of order are reserved on the bill.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHICAGO BULLS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate some of the most outstanding citizens of my congressional district, namely, the Chicago Bulls basketball team.

I have the good fortune of representing the champions not only of the 7th Congressional District, but indeed the champions of the world. The world has never seen the magnificence of an athletic dynasty such as that displayed and put together by Jerry Reinsdorf, which is now the Chicago Bulls' 6th championship, a performance that has revitalized interest in basketball.

As a matter of fact, with due respect to all other sports, baseball, soccer, football, right now the United States of America is basketball country as a result of the Bulls' accomplishment and achievement.

But more than that, not only are they superstars on the basketball court, but they are also superstars in the community. The franchise has caused revitalization of an area of the City of Chicago. The James Jordan Boys' Club provides opportunity for young people to come and grow and develop, play and be nurtured.

Just recently, high school students from throughout my Congressional District had an opportunity to participate in our art competition at the United Center, where they could display their art and at the same time walk the same ground that Scottie Pippen, Michael Jordan, Dennis Rodman, Phil Jackson, all of the Bulls players, Randy Brown, a young fellow who was taught by my wife. When we watch him on television, we know that her teaching skills were vindicated.

So I commend and congratulate all of the Bulls for providing the United States of America and all of the world with a year never to be forgotten and always to be remembered.

And at the same time, Mr. Speaker, in the same community, in the same neighborhood, there is another superstar in town for the Jefferson awards, Major Adams, who, along with other Americans throughout the country, are being cited for their outstanding community services.

Major Adams has no peer when it comes to volunteerism. For the last 50 years he has been an active volunteer on the near West Side of Chicago, organizing the Henry Horner Boys Club, the

Henry Horner Drum and Bugle Corps, the Mile Square Federation.

Now 76 years old, Mr. Adams is just as involved today as he was 25, 30 years ago. And so, on one hand, while we have the Bulls, a superstar team, on the other hand we have Major Adams, a superstar individual, humanitarian, who has brought countless years of joy and development into the hearts of thousands of young people and their family.

We commend and salute him.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. SOLOMON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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TRIBUTE TO CORRESPONDENT ALAN EMORY ON HIS RETIREMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. WALSH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to add my praise to the lifetime's work of correspondent Alan Emory, whose life and service was addressed so eloquently by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH). Mr. Emory is a reporter of humor, intelligence, talent, and, perhaps most important, longevity, 50 years of service.

While Alan is no doubt most thankful for the last of those qualities, I want to say the others have been invaluable to both readers and those of us who are written about in upstate New York.

It is often said that we in public life are adversaries of the Fourth Estate, that there must be a war footing of sorts between our two worlds, that there must be a sort of tension in order to bring about good performance all the way around. If that is true, Mr. Speaker, the best way to describe Alan's mission is a notable adversary, a friendly foe.

He has done justice to our institution in his reportage, mostly for the *Watertown Times* of New York. He has served readers, as I have mentioned, who depend on accuracy and insight of reliable news people. He has been a faithful advocate for his region, and his perspective will be missed by many of us.

I would like to thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) for this opportunity and wish Alan Emory all the best in his retirement.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSTON PROJECT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for a great cele-

bration and a tribute as well. This week in Houston, Texas, under the leadership of former President Jimmy Carter, 6,000 volunteers from around the Nation are participating in the 1998 Carter Work Project of the Habitat for Humanity resulting in 100 homes being built for the needy citizens of our community.

President Carter, before the building began, said, "We are destined in Houston to see a miracle, one that we will never forget." I can assure my colleagues that he is now and will be when we conclude 100 percent correct.

I was delighted to be able to join the 6,000 volunteers at the George Brown Convention Center on Sunday in the 18th Congressional District where we were able to celebrate their visit, volunteers from Arizona, Indiana, California, Pennsylvania and so many other places around this Nation.

It was particularly a special time, because as many of my colleagues know, we have had some troubling times in Texas. Yes, we have had the tragedy that occurred in Jasper, Texas. I am so very pleased that that healing has begun. But yet the day after funeralizing Mr. Byrd and paying tribute to his life and to that of those who wanted to make sure that we live in harmony together, 6,000 Americans of all different colors and creeds and religions joined together to come and build a house. Their challenge was to build a house for the comfort and unity of a family and to bring a community together. I was delighted to join them on Sunday not only to celebrate but to uplift. For these 6,000 souls are like the Good Samaritan. They are not too busy to stop by the wayside and help someone.

The story of the Good Samaritan was that every single person that passed this battered and bruised person had something else to do, had somewhere else to go. But yet the Good Samaritan took his time and stopped. These 6,000 souls are like the Good Samaritan.

In Houston alone, with some 1.7 million residents, we have over 150,000 who are marginally homeless every night. We need housing. I was very gratified with volunteers who will come from my office throughout the week to have been able to join the volunteers yesterday on the first day and to work alongside of them in the sweltering heat, some 98 degrees, but none of us really felt it, for the joy of doing something for someone else.

We worked alongside the Gibson family, not unlike many families, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson with two children and one on the way. For the past few years they have lived in a small apartment in a dilapidated building, the whole while looking for ways that they could better their living situation. Like many families, they searched for options that would help them make a way and to also take their hard-earned money and to invest in something other than a landlord, paying rent. They wanted to own their own piece of the pie, if you